



**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 21, 2013**

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Rhode Island Board of Education work session was held on Monday, October 21, 2013, at the Department of Education, Room 501, 255 Westminister Street, Providence, RI 02903. Chair Eva-Marie Mancuso welcomed everyone, declared a quorum present, and called the work session to order at 4:03 p.m.

Present: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos [Mr. Purtill joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.]

Absent: Patrick Guida and William C. Maaia

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded by Michael Grande it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education accepts the agenda for the work session of October 21, 2013.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

2. APROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2a. Minutes of the August 25 and 26, 2013 Retreat

On a motion duly made by Karin Forbes and seconded by Colleen Callahan, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approves the minutes of the Retreat of August 25 and 26, 2013.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

2b. Minutes of the September 5, 2013 Work Session

On a motion duly made by Colleen Callahan and seconded Antonio Barajas, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approves the minutes of the Work Session of September 5, 2013.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

2c. Minutes of the Open Session of the September 9, 2013 Meeting

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded Karin Forbes, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approves the open minutes of the Meeting of September 9, 2013.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

2d. Minutes of the Executive Session of the September 9, 2013 Meeting

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded Antonio Barajas, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approves the closed session minutes of the Meeting of September 9, 2013.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Higher Education Governance Structure

Chair Mancuso welcomed Aims McGuiness of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems and turned the meeting over to him at this time.

Mr. McGuiness shared with the Board a short history on his personal and professional background, and explained that he would next introduce a draft governance structure for the Board's review. He invited Board members to feel free to ask questions as they may arise.

The draft governance structure suggests the Board of Education be split into two groups, a Pre k-12 Council and a Council for Post-Secondary Education. Both of these councils would be given full statutory authority for governance and regulation. There would also be an Executive Committee that would be responsible for reviewing proposals to the Board and addressing future needs.

As the Board of Education, these two councils and its Chair, will meet regularly to establish long-range goals, prioritize its workforce, promote collaboration and establish strategic budget and finance recommendations. The full Board would also be responsible for leadership on cross-cutting issues such as college and career readiness, implementation of the common core and adult education.

A discussion on this issue between Mr. McGuiness and the Board followed. Mr. McGuiness answered Board members questions on multiple topics including:

- The structure and role of the Executive Committee
- The time frame and legislative approval
- Cross-cutting issues
- What authority would be given to the Councils

3. NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday, November 7, 2013 – 4 p.m. at RIDE – work session

Wednesday, November 13, 2013 – 5:30 p.m. -- meeting
NEL/CPS Construction and Career Academy
4 Sharpe Drive, Cranston, RI 02920

4. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Eva Jo Gaines and seconded by Lawrence Purtill it was

VOTED: That the work session of the Rhode Island Board of Education adjourn.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

The work session adjourned at 5:45 p.m.